GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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TOURISM PROMOTION IN NORTH EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is vast scope to explore tourism potential in North-Eastern States afterthe introduction of flights between North Eastern Region and Thailand;

(b) if so, the details of projects submitted by the Government of Assam and the other North Eastern States to exploit tourism potential in the region; and

(c) the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir. The introduction of Air India flight between Guwahati and Bangkok will help the opening up of the North-Eastern States for foreign tourists.

(b) and (c): Development of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Department of Tourism, Government of India, however, provides some financial assistance for tourism projects prioritised in consultation with them. Three hundred and eighty one projects with Central financial component of Rs.8314.77 lakhs were sanctioned for all the North-Eastern States including Sikkim during the 9th Plan. Projects for 2002-03 have not been identified as yet.